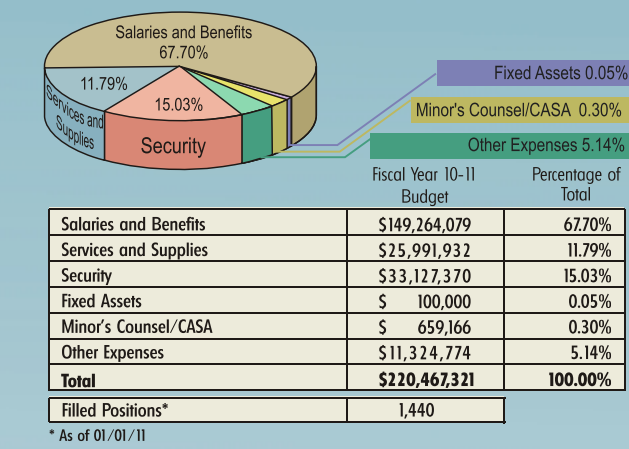


BUDGET

The goal of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is to provide the highest level of service within budgeted appropriations. For a description of each expenditure please visit [www.sdcourt.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov) and click on the “About Us” link.



- Salaries and Benefits** - Salaries and benefits of all court employees except for judges, whose salaries are paid directly by the state.
- Services and Supplies** - Costs of office furniture, supplies, telecommunications and contractual services such as information technology and printing services.
- Security** - Cost for court security provided by San Diego County Sheriff's Department and private security firms.
- Fixed Assets** - Purchase of equipment costing more than \$5,000 (e.g., furniture, copy machines).
- Minor's Counsel/CASA** - The costs to appoint private counsel to represent the interests of the child in a custody or visitation proceeding and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for child advocacy services in dependency proceedings.
- Other Expenses** - Includes payments of County services (e.g., custodial costs), collection costs and traffic school monitoring costs.

FILINGS

Hundreds of thousands of Superior Court cases are handled each year in San Diego County. From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (Fiscal Year 2009/2010) total filings for all case types were more than 700,000.

CASE TYPE	FY07/08	FY08/09	FY09/10
Infractions Traffic	420,516	481,089	475,345
Misdemeanor Traffic	38,109	42,182	35,686
Infractions Non-Traffic	37,883	43,831	41,379
Misdemeanor Non-Traffic	33,398	33,006	30,740
Small Claims	20,189	20,927	19,461
Limited General Civil	31,222	35,595	32,470
Limited Felony	17,049	17,806	17,228
Unlimited Civil	17,254	18,810	18,629
Family Law	14,002	14,581	14,759
Unlawful Detainer	16,185	18,616	16,696
Domestic Violence Temp Restraining Orders	6,183	6,055	5,803
Family Support	8,094	10,531	7,355
Juvenile Delinquency	5,534	5,241	4,790
Probate and Guardianship	3,583	3,484	3,129
Other Family	2,621	2,726	2,768
Juvenile Dependency	2,085	2,004	1,733
Total	673,907	756,484	727,971

- Family Law includes dissolutions (also known as divorce), legal separations, and marriage annulments.  
- "Other Family" includes Elder/Dependent Abuse, Paternity, Child Support, Child Custody, and other miscellaneous Family Court Petitions.  
- Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO) filed in Family Court



Welcome

Superior Court of California  
County of San Diego

Service • Excellence • Accountability

*On behalf of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, I am pleased to present our 2011 Resource Guide. With 130 judges, 24 commissioners and more than 1,400 support staff, our court is the second largest court in the State of California and the third largest in the nation. Covering the County's 4,261 square miles, our court provides judicial services for more than 3.1 million residents and visitors. As the Presiding Judge, it is my intention to preserve and improve a court whose high standards of professionalism, ethics and performance will enrich the entire community.*

*It is the mission of the San Diego Superior Court to provide fair and timely administration of justice in all cases. By providing equal access to court facilities, proceedings and programs, we ensure our judicial system is fair, efficient, transparent and accessible to the public we serve.*

*Through this publication, you can easily find the locations of the various court facilities, the services provided at each courthouse, and the contact information for self-help programs. You can also quickly access our filing statistics and budgetary data. Our website: [sdcourt.ca.gov](http://sdcourt.ca.gov) is another way to find additional information about the court. We understand that your time is valuable and that is why we are providing more services via our website such as paying traffic tickets and scheduling appointments for certain court services. Throughout the year, we will continue to explore ways to help you go on-line and not wait in line.*

*During these challenging financial times, it is crucial we continue to seek, achieve and maintain the highest level of service to the public we serve. It remains our top priority to evaluate our processes to ensure we operate an effective court. We will continue to pursue excellence in judging by providing fair and efficient proceedings which foster public trust and confidence.*

*As we continually look for ways to better serve our community, we invite you to be part of that process by providing us with feedback on our services.*

*Kevin A. Enright*

Honorable Kevin A. Enright  
Presiding Judge (2010 - 2011)

Self-Help Services

In certain circumstances, self-help services are available to litigants who go to court without an attorney. These programs offer assistance by providing procedural information and education to litigants preparing for court. In some cases, this assistance may involve completing forms or offering ways to settle the case without appearing in court. Services/clinics are operated within court facilities and are offered at no cost, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the telephone numbers listed for further information, or visit the court's Self-Help Center website at [www.sdcourt.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov).

**Child Support** - San Diego Superior Court Family Law Facilitator's Office provides procedural and forms assistance in Department of Child Support Services cases.

Central (619) 450-5200 North (760) 201-8200

**Civil Harassment Restraining Order Clinic** \*- Legal Aid Society of San Diego provides procedural and forms assistance in Central, South and East County locations. San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program provides this assistance at the North County location.

Central (877) 534-2524 North (760) 941-5685  
South (877) 534-2524 East (877) 534-2524

**Conservatorship Clinic** \*- Legal Aid Society of San Diego provides procedural and forms assistance.

Central (877) 534-2524

**Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinic** \*- San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program provides procedural and forms assistance in Central, North and East County locations. Legal Aid Society of San Diego provides this assistance at the South County location.

Central (619) 450-7588 North (760) 941-5685  
South (877) 534-2524 East (619) 456-4100

**Family Law Assistance** - San Diego Superior Court Family Law Facilitator's Office provides procedural and forms assistance.

Central (619) 450-5200 North (760) 201-8200  
South (619) 450-5200 East (619) 450-5200

**Guardianship Clinic** - Guardianship Assistance Program provides orientation workshops and follow-up forms assistance.

Central (619) 450-7642 North (760) 201-8200

**Small Claims Legal Advisor** - San Diego Superior Court provides procedural and forms assistance.

All areas may call: (858) 634-1777 Recorded Info: (858) 634-1900

**Small Claims Mediation** \*- National Conflict Resolution Center provides settlement assistance at the Central, East County and South County locations. North County Lifeline, Inc. provides settlement assistance at the North County location.

Central (619) 238-2400 North (760) 726-4900  
South (619) 428-3200 East (619) 593-4530

**Unlawful Detainer Clinic** \*- Legal Aid Society of San Diego provides procedural and forms assistance.

Central (877) 534-2524 North (760) 941-5685  
South (877) 534-2524 East (877) 534-2524

\*These programs are not affiliated with San Diego Superior Court. The programs are independently responsible for compliance with applicable state or federal laws. The Superior Court does not endorse, evaluate, supervise, or monitor these programs.



SUPERIOR COURT  
OF  
CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

2011  
RESOURCE GUIDE

Mission Statement

The Superior Court of California, County of San Diego will provide for the fair and timely administration of justice in all cases before it, in a manner that is accessible and understandable to litigants and the public, and in such a manner that promotes public confidence, pursuant to applicable state and federal laws.

## COURT SERVICES AND LOCATIONS

Where you go for court services may depend on one or more of the following considerations:

- Where you live (for example, in which court area or jurisdiction you live)
- Where the legal issue occurred (for example, in which court area or jurisdiction it happened)
- Where the court provides the services you need (for example, juvenile delinquency matters are heard only in the Central Division)

Here are the locations of court facilities and the services each location provides:

### CENTRAL DIVISION GENERAL INFORMATION (619) 450-5700



#### HALL OF JUSTICE

330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

Civil - Limited and Unlimited

*(including Unlawful Detainers & Civil Harassment Restraining Orders)*

Jury Services

Human Resources



#### COUNTY COURTHOUSE

220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

Appeals - Limited Civil

Appeals - Unlimited Jurisdiction

Criminal - Felonies and Misdemeanors

Family Law Facilitator

Family Support Division

Court Reporting Services - Transcripts

Older Court Records - Records Research

Pretrial Services



#### FAMILY COURT

1555 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

Family Law: Dissolution (Divorce), Domestic Violence Restraining Orders, Child Custody and Support

Family Law Facilitator

Family Court Services (e.g., Mediators)



#### MADGE BRADLEY BUILDING

1409 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Probate, Guardianships, and Conservatorships

Trusts and Delayed Registration of Birth,

Death and Marriage



#### KEARNY MESA FACILITY

8950 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123

Small Claims

Small Claims Legal Advisor

Traffic and other Infractions and

Juvenile Vehicle Code Infractions



#### JUVENILE COURT (858) 634-1600

2851 Meadow Lark Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

Adoptions and Emancipations

Juvenile Delinquency

Juvenile Dependency



### EAST COUNTY DIVISION GENERAL INFORMATION

(619) 456-4100

East County Regional Center:  
250 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020

Civil - Limited and Unlimited

*(including Unlawful Detainers & Civil Harassment Restraining Orders)*

Criminal - Felonies, Misdemeanors and Infractions

Family Court Services

Family Law Dissolution *(Divorce)*

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Child Custody and Support

Family Law Facilitator

Jury Services

Juvenile Dependency

Small Claims, Small Claims Legal Advisor

Traffic including Juvenile Vehicle Code Infractions



### NORTH COUNTY DIVISION GENERAL INFORMATION

(760) 201-8600

Vista Regional Center:  
325 South Melrose Drive, Vista, CA 92081

Civil - Limited and Unlimited

*(including Unlawful Detainers, Adoptions and Appeals & Civil Harassment Restraining Orders)*

Criminal - Felonies, Misdemeanors and Infractions

Family Court Services

Family Law Dissolution *(Divorce)*

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Child Custody and Support

Family Law Facilitator

Jury Services

Juvenile Dependency

Probate, Guardianships and Conservatorships

Small Claims, Small Claims Legal Advisor

Traffic including Juvenile Vehicle Code Infractions



### SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION GENERAL INFORMATION

(619) 746-6200

South Bay Regional Center:  
500 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Civil - Limited and Unlimited

*(including Unlawful Detainers & Civil Harassment Restraining Orders)*

Criminal - Felonies, Misdemeanors and Infractions

Family Court Services

Family Law Dissolution *(Divorce)*

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Child Custody and Support

Family Law Facilitator

Jury Services

Juvenile Dependency

Juvenile Delinquency *(truancy only)*

Small Claims, Small Claims Legal Advisor

Traffic including Juvenile Vehicle Code Infractions

### JURY SERVICE INFORMATION

When you receive a summons to serve as a juror in the Superior Court, you are being asked to play a crucial role in the administration of justice. Some of the services provided by the court to ensure a smooth juror experience include:

**7/24 Access** – The court's Jury Services office maintains a telephone line to assist jurors with questions regarding jury service 24 hours a day, by calling 619-450-5757. A court staff member is available by phone from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Jurors may also access the court's jury website to get more information concerning jury service and to postpone jury service at [www.sdcourt.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov).

**Two-Week Rule** – To make jury service more flexible, jurors at the Central, North, and East County locations can report up to two weeks before or up to two weeks after the date posted on the jury service summons (not including Fridays and court holidays).

**One Day/One Trial** – Under California law, once a juror has appeared or has served through Group Management, the juror does not have to serve again for a period of 12 months.

**Free Transportation for Jurors Serving at the Hall of Justice** – The Superior Court, in partnership with SANDAG, offers complimentary bus/trolley or coaster passes on the first day of jury service. See the jury summons for more information.

**Court Transfer** – Prospective jurors can request a transfer of jury service to a more convenient Superior Court location within the county.

**Wireless Internet Access** – Free Wireless Internet Service is provided for jurors serving at each court location.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Superior Court of California, County of San Diego places great importance on community outreach and education. The court provides opportunities for the public to see the court in action by providing guided tours and opportunities to observe actual court hearings in progress.

#### Student Outreach and Education

Students in San Diego have a unique opportunity to experience the California justice system firsthand. Students can do this by attending various court-sponsored educational opportunities.

Programs available:

- Justice 101 – (high school seniors only)
- Youth in Court Day
- San Diego County High School Mock Trial Competition
- Courthouse Tour Program
- On My Honor Program

#### Speakers

Want to learn more about the court? Judges and court staff are available to meet with school groups and community organizations to talk about how the court works and the challenges and opportunities facing the California justice system.

#### Volunteers

Court Volunteers donate many hours of service in the following areas:

- Children's Waiting Rooms
- Courthouse Tours
- Information Desks
- Business Offices
- Juror Orientation

If you would like more information call (619) 450-7176; or you can see details about each program on the court's website at [www.sdcourt.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov).

### SAN DIEGO SUPERIOR COURT WEBSITE - [www.sdcourt.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov)

Your time is important and we know it! To better serve you, the following on-line services are available on the San Diego Superior Court website:

- Find out about self-help services (for people without lawyers) available both on-line and in person at the courthouses.
- Pay your traffic ticket, sign up for traffic school, or request an extension.
- Pay court-ordered fines or fees.
- Look up your Jury Service information or request an extension.
- Look up information on court cases using our Case Search lookup, Register of Actions, Court Calendar, Civil & Probate Law and Motion Pages, or New Case Filings.
- Find quick links to Child Support, DMV, Sheriff's Warrant, and Restraining Order indices.
- See information to help you find court locations, and more.

If you do not have access to a computer in your home, most public libraries and the San Diego County Public Law Library ([www.sdcpll.org](http://www.sdcpll.org)) provide computers with internet access for use by the public.

